

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE

WENDY MAGUIRE, an individual,

Plaintiff,

v.

ECO SCIENCE SOLUTIONS, INC., a Nevada corporation; GA-DU CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation, and MICHAEL ROUNTREE, an individual; L. JOHN LEWIS, an individual; DON TAYLOR, an individual; JEFFERY TAYLOR; an individual; and JOHN DOE, #1-5, individuals,

Defendants.

NO. 2:18-CV-01301-RSL

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES AND  
COSTS

This Court has considered Plaintiff Wendy Maguire's "Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Costs." Dkt. # 99. The motion was served on defendants at the addresses provided by defense counsel when they withdrew (as well as on defendants' former counsel), but no opposition was

1 filed. Having reviewed the motion, declaration, and billing records submitted along with the  
2 remainder of the record, the Court finds as follows:

3 1. The number of hours expended by plaintiff's attorneys is reasonable, and the  
4 Declaration of Rochelle Nelson and billing records adequately detail the number of hours  
5 worked, the type of work performed, and who performed the work.


6 2. The hourly rates charged by plaintiff's attorneys are reasonable and  
7 commensurate with the rates of similarly experienced attorneys in the area.

8 3. The lodestar method for determining the amount of an award of attorney's fees  
9 and costs supports an award of \$113,702.00 in attorney's fees and \$2,688.05 in costs, incurred  
10 through July 22, 2020, and that this amount is reasonable in relation to the results obtained.

11 4. The lodestar calculation of the fees in this matter does not adequately account for  
12 the contingent nature of the fee arrangement in this case, involving a lengthy delay in payment, a  
13 risk that plaintiff might not prevail in the litigation, and the substantial risk that plaintiff may not  
14 be able to collect against the named defendants even when judgment has been entered in her  
15 favor. A lodestar multiplier of 1.75 is appropriate.

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17 For all of the foregoing reasons, plaintiff's motion for an award of attorney's fees and  
18 costs incurred through July 22, 2020, in the amount of \$201,666.55 is GRANTED.

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20 Dated this 13th day of August, 2020.

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22 Robert S. Lasnik  
23 United States District Judge  
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